City Manager's Weekly Update

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- Public Works Week in the Park-Wednesday, May 20th 10 am-2:30 pm See more information below on all events

Executive Summary

2035 General Plan Update



Community Workshop #2, at Belmont City Hall, draws continued engagement in planning for the city's future.



The second community workshop for the City of Belmont General Plan Update was held on the evening of Thursday, January 22, 2015 at Belmont City Hall with great success. Approximately 40 members of the Belmont community, including youth and numerous elected and appointed officials, came to share their ideas for Belmont's future. About half of the participants had attended the first workshop, held in November, and half were participating for the first time.

The evening began with a short presentation on the General Plan Update's purpose and process and a brief overview of the type of technical research being conducted for the Plan (such as cataloguing existing land uses, community facilities, and environmental resources and hazards). Then, working in small groups, the attendees were asked to complete a mapping exercise. Each table was given a map showing different areas of Belmont, and participants indicated to what degree each area should experience change or stability in the future. Participants also provided additional detail describing the nature of the changes they would like to see. Ideas were varied, and included



proposals such as developing mixed uses and facade improvements along El Camino Real and in Belmont Village; maintaining existing neighborhoods but improving mobility options in the western areas; attracting a hotel to the Harbor Industrial Area or East Belmont; and adding another connection across El Camino Real at Davey Glen Road.

In the next stage of this process, a summary report on the workshop and its findings will be produced, and the General Plan Update team will finalize existing conditions research in a series of Working Papers. A newsletter and citywide survey, mailed in the springtime, will help the team create a Preferred Land Use Plan upon which General Plan policies will be based.

For more information see the **General Plan Update Website**





City Seeking Your Input on Priorities for Local Services

Join the Community Conversation WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES FOR LOCAL SERVICES?



MAINTAIN LOCAL SERVICES

The City is working to maintain local services as Sacramento continues to find new ways to take our local funds. Over the last 20 years, the State has taken \$15.5 million from the City of Belmont.

This has left us with repairs and improvements for our roads, storm drains, parks and more that Belmont cannot address.

Over the coming months, we will be engaging residents in a Community Conversation on your perspectives regarding local service needs. The most important input into this process comes from YOU! Please help us by clicking the link to take our <u>Community Survey</u> today.

Take our Community Survey! www.belmont.gov/survey

Tell us services you want to protect, maintain or improve.

Contact Jozi Plut at (650) 595-7408 with any questions.



Belmont Seeks Residents for Commission Openings

The City of Belmont is currently recruiting residents interested in serving on various City Commissions. The deadline to apply is 5:00 P.M. **Friday, February 6**th

The Openings are as follows:

- Three three-year terms on the **Planning Commission** for. The Planning Commission meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. The Commission reviews and takes action on planning applications, and makes recommendations to the City Council on zoning and land use issues. (click here to download application)
- Three two-year terms on the **Parks and Recreation Commission**. The Parks and Recreation Commission meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and makes recommendations to the City Council on matters pertaining to Belmont's Park and Recreation programs, as well as on capital improvements to the City's various parks and open space areas. (click here to download application)
- Two one-year terms for Youth seats on the **Parks and Recreation Commission**, between the ages of 13 and 17 years old. Parent/Guardian consent is mandatory. (click for Youth Application)

Applicants must live in Belmont. Except for a small stipend paid to Planning Commissioners, there is no compensation for these positions.

For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at 650-595-7408, or the Clerk's Office at 650-595-7413.

<u>Library News</u>

The Friends of the Belmont Library are looking for volunteers:

LIBRARY - Monday - Sunday

Every day volunteers sort donation barrel according to date & condition. Hours can vary according to amount of work - (1 - 3 hours)

BOOK NOOK - TWIN PINES PARK - COTTAGE

Nook normally open 4 times a month except in January when it is closed. Regular hours are 2^{nd} Sat. & Sun. and 4^{th} Fri. & Sat. It is also open during Park events - Summer concerts & Holiday Craft Faire. Volunteers work 2 hour shifts - (12 - 2 and 2 - 4) to sell books. Other times volunteers sort and shelve books. Hours can vary according to amount of books.

If you're interested in volunteering or want additional information you can contact the Friends of the Belmont Library at (650) 888-5898



Sewer Division

- Inspected and cleaned 11 sewer pump stations
- The service truck (205) responded to 13 service calls
- Videoed 80 feet of sewer pipe
- Jetted (cleaned) 2,162 feet of sewer main
- Staff had meeting to decide how to proceed with city run FOG (Fats, Oils, and Grease) inspections
- Staff had meeting with consultants regarding next sewer rehab project
- Staff inspected construction areas of Ralston sewer project to a provide a punch list of items to be corrected by contractor
- Setup more Mission Communications Alarms and inputs to coincide at all Sewer Pump Stations
- Troubleshot pump runtime discrepancies at North Road Pump Station
- Staff member attended a NASSCO PACP/MACP/LACP training class for pipeline assessment
- Cleaned flushable wipes from debris catcher in Ralston Ranch Pump Station (pictured below)



Ralston Ranch Debris catcher -Before



Ralston Ranch Debris catcher – After

Removed roots and debris from manhole on Mountain View Avenue (pictured below)







During-Partially cleaned manhole with main tap roots still present



After-Completely cleaned manhole

Strom Division

- Performed weekly inspection of Water Dog Lake roadway, dam, v-ditch, and dock
- Swept 101 curb miles resulting in the acquisition of 9.25 tons of debris
- Performed video inspections on 1,210 ft. of storm pipe along the Ralston corridor
- Inspected and cleaned both Ralston and Harbor Storm Pump Stations
- Gathered the pezometer (water levels) readings at Water Dog Lake

Traffic Division

- Weekly visual inspections for preventative maintenance of intersections
- Visual inspection of lighted crosswalks
- Banners 2 down; 2 up
- Repaired 5 streetlights
- Installed new generator run and station power notifications at 2 pump stations
- Fabricated 25 signs
- Replaced 11 signs with Retro Reflectivity vinyl for Compliance Project
- Installed new "No Dumping" signs as directed by Belmont PD
- Attended Lead Worker Academy
- Delivered base rock and graded alleyway from the end of O'Neill to Sunnyslope
- Repaired overhead light at Buena Vista dog park
- Troubleshot controls issue at North Road pump station

Streets Division

- Marked out 16 Underground Service Alerts
- Grind trip hazards at 3 locations on Ralston at Twin Pines Lane
- Removed raised concrete in front of 1045 Ralston and doweled into surrounding sidewalk
- Poured and finished sidewalk at 1045 Ralston
- Dug out broken asphalt in front of 2030 Lyon Avenue and fill with cold patch
- Crack sealed 3,250 feet on Casa Bona, De Koven, Read and Newlands



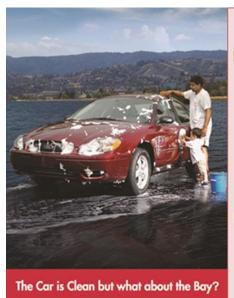
4th Annual Earth Day Celebration at Twin Pines Park

Clear out the garage and grab your E-Waste items, gather those confidential/personal documents, dust off those old books, and grab a bucket! This year's Earth Day event will have the same great stations to drop off your E-waste items, document shredding, gently used book donation-recycling, and compost giveaway. After you empty your vehicle from those unwanted items, visit our environmentally-friendly booths in the Meadow for great information and loads of fun! An event that is surely not to be missed!



Pollution Prevention and How You Can Participate

The Car is Clean But What About the Bay?



Prevent pollution, use a commercial car wash.

to 38470
and receive discounts to locations throughout San Mateo County.

When you wash your car in the driveway or street, contaminants such as oil, grease, metals (copper, nickel and zinc) as well as the dirt can flow into storm drains, which discharge into our local waterways.

By taking your car to a commercial car wash or spray booth, the dirty water is sent to a wastewater treatment plant. Not only do you reduce pollution, you save water. Text "CARWASH" to 38470

and receive discounts to locations throughout San Mateo County.

You Have The Right To Request Healthy Nail Product Without The Toxic Chemicals

How can you help support this program?



Tell your local nail salon about this new program!

Encourage your nail technician to protect their health by using gloves and masks

Print out this <u>fact sheet</u> and give it to the salon you frequent.

Encourage healthy nail salons with your wallet. Look for the Healthy Nail Salon logo before using a nail salon's services.

Only Rain In the Drain!



@ 650-372-6200.

Keep our local waterways free from garbage and toxic waste. Illegal dumping includes wash waters, sewage, construction materials, paint, sediment and/or silt, and food wastes. You can report illegal dumping to the City of Belmont @ 650-595-7425, or San Mateo County

Parks and Recreation



The City of Belmont Poet Laureate

The City of Belmont and the Belmont Public library are looking for an Official Poet Laureate to act as an ambassador and advocate for poetry, literature and the arts.

Qualifications:

- The Poet Laureate must be a Belmont resident 18 years of age or older who has been recognized for poetry and literary contributions.
- The Poet Laureate must demonstrate a commitment to and passion for poetry and embrace the opportunity to engage in community service to make poetry more accessible and available.

More information and applications are available at:

The Belmont Public Library 1110 Alameda De Las Pulgas Belmont, CA. 94002 (650) 591-8286

Applications are due at the Belmont Public Library by FRIDAY, MARCH 27th, 2015, 6pm.

Enhancing the quality of life for the community - City of Belmont Parks and Recreation Department

V.O.I.C.E.S Members Provide Input at General Plan Workshop



Members of VOICES attended the General Plan meeting and added their opinions on future development for the City of Belmont. The only teenagers in attendance, their perspective was different, speaking to the traffic issues getting to school, a need for areas for youth to gather and they weren't afraid to share their revolutionary ideas of tunnels and redrawing neighborhood lines. VOICES invite all youth to take part in the next General Plan meeting!

Congresswoman Jackie Speier Visit To Twin Pines Senior And Community Center

Congresswoman Jackie Speier visited Twin Pines Senior and Community Center today and spoke to residents who were taking the California Highway Patrol 'Age Well, Drive Smart' seminar. The seminar is designed to help older adults take control of their driving future and stay on the road longer. Residents enjoyed meeting Congresswoman Speier and hearing her speak about the importance of seniors' participation in health and wellness activities for both mind and body. In the photo is City Clerk Teri Cook, Parks and Recreation Staff Andrea and Sinead and Belmont Library staff Alex.



Recology San Mateo County Visits Community Learning Center

A special thank you to Zero Waste Specialists Gina Tretten and Misty McKinney of Recology San Mateo County for presenting an educational and interactive lesson for the students of the Belmont Community Learning Center. Students sang songs, learned about composting and recycling and are excited to use their new waste receptacles. It's never too early to teach our next generation how to keep our community clean and green!



Barrett Community Center Has A New Multi-Stream Waste Receptacle.

The rollout of our new waste enclosures is part of our ongoing program to address a mandated requirement regarding sustainable waste management guidelines.

Barrett Community Center sees a lot of use during the mornings by families with young children, after school by youth, in the evening by neighbors and on the weekends by youth sports. Another step toward a more



sustainable future, we thank our residents for taking the time to sort their waste in the appropriate enclosure- they even have pictures!

Ralston Middle School & San Carlos Children's Theater present the musical "Beauty and the Beast, Jr."



Director: Eron Block. Choreographer: Daina Block. Music Director: Susie Jimenez.

Cast and Crew

All actors are <u>students</u> of Ralston Middle School! Also, Ralston <u>students</u> will be operating the lights and sound, and working backstage. Be entertained while supporting the <u>students</u>!

Story

This musical tells the story of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed to his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity!

Performance Dates

Friday March 27 at 7:00 PM

Saturday March 28 at 7:00 PM

Sunday March 29 at 1:00 PM

Venue

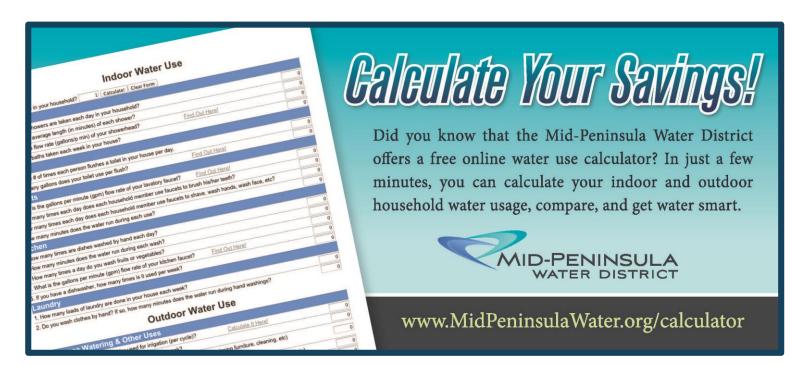
McKinley Auditorium 400 Duane Street Redwood City, CA 94062

Tickets and Info

Tickets \$10 / person.

Tickets at http://www.scctkids.com/beauty-and-the-beast-jr-ralston-middle-school/

Other Agency Announcements





PG&E Bright Minds™ Scholarship program

As you might already know, PG&E recently announced its 4th annual <u>PG&E Bright Minds™</u>
<u>Scholarship program</u>, aimed at assisting certain youth achieve their higher-education goals.

Scholarships will be awarded to high school, community college and "non-traditional" students, with rewards ranging from \$2,000 to \$20,000 annually, up to five years.

The deadline for applying for the PG&E Bright Minds Scholarship is <u>February 9, 2015.</u> For more information and to apply, visit https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/pge/. Scholarship recipients will be announced in the spring.

Since 2012, the PG&E Bright Minds™ Scholarship program has awarded nearly \$3 million to students throughout PG&E's service territory, based on a combined demonstration of community leadership, personal triumph, financial need and academic achievement. All majors are eligible, with preference given to students majoring in engineering. Eligibility requirements include planned 2015-2016 enrollment in a full-time undergraduate program at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school for the duration of the 2015-2016 academic year.

Community Calendars

Twin Pines Community Center

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday
Cent	ter Hours: Monda	y - Fr	iday 8:30am - 4pm			1	Center Closed	2	Center Closed
5 9:30 9:30 9:30 10:00 1:00 1:00 2:00	Bread Program Video Aerobics Italian Chat Spanish Chat Book Club Beat Arthritis (R) French Chat Sit N' Be Fit Video	12:00	Mindful Meditation Walking Group Gentle Tal Chi (S) Lunch Program (S) Canasta Classic Movie Needlecrafts Group Andrea's Aztec Hot Chocolate & Kings Cake	10:00 10:30 11:30 11:30 12:15	8:45 Strength Training Bread Program Video Aerobics Computer Tutor Spanish Class Zumba Gold (R) German Class Lunch Program (S) New Movie Pinochle/Hearts	11:30 12:15	Garden Club Walking Group Canasta Beat Arthritis (R) Lunch Program (S) Wii Bowling Bridge Art Group History Group	9 9:30 11:00 1:00 1:00	Yoga w/ Adriana Mandarin Conversation Go 4 Life Fitness Video *BINGO
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	9:30 Bread Program Video Aerobics Italian Chat Opinion Exchange W/ Jim Dunbar Stamp Collectors Beat Arthritis (R) French Chat Sit N' Be Fit Video		9:30 Walking Group Gentle Tai Chi (S) English Class Lunch Program (S) Canasta Foreign Film Needlecrafts Group Pain Management Workshop Movement & Memory Senior Advisory Meeting	9:30 9:30 10:00 10:30 11:30 11:30 12:15 12:30	8:45 Strength Training Bread Program Video Aerobics Computer Tutor Spanish Class Zumba Gold (R) German Class Lunch Program (S) New Movie Pinochle/Hearts Stories from the Road (S)	11:30 12:15	Walking Group Canasta Beat Arthritis (R) Lunch Program (S) Wii Bowling Bridge Art Group History Group	9:30 11:00 1:00 1:30 1:00 2:00 3:00	Yoga w/ Adriana Mandarin Conversation Go 4 Life Fitness Video Ping Pong! Raspberry Pi Futurists Writing Workshop

Belmont Public Library

6:30p Pub Trivia Night

January 2015 At the Belmont Library f http://www.facebook.com/smclbelmont Thu Fri Sun Mon Tue Wed Sat 2 * 10:30a Pres. ST * 11:00a Imagination ■ 11:00a Imagination Playground LIBRARY Playground Red: Children's/Family Belmont Library # 11-15a Russian ST Green: Teen Black: Adult CLOSED Blue: All Ages # 4:00p Science Club * 7:00p 1st Fri Flicks: Up * 10:30a Computer Class: * 11:00a Imagination * 10:30a Baby Storytime Computer Basics # 10:30a Toddler ST * 10:30a Pres. ST # 2:00p Charles the * 10:30a Musical Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Teen Gaming * 2:00p Mystery Bk Grp: * 11:15a Russian ST Playground * 3:30p Lego Club Clown * 3:30p Teen Movie: * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club The Big Sleep by * 4:00p Science Club Guardians of the Galaxy * 7:00p Lawyers in the Lib. Raymond Chandler * 7:00p Carlmont * 7:00p Pajama Storytime * 7:00p 1st Wed. Bk Grp : The 3:30p Imagination Playground Improv Showcase Ocean at the End of the Lane by Neil Gaiman 15 * 10:30a Toddler ST * 3:30p Imagination Playground * 10:30a Baby Storytime * 10:30a Computer Coach * 10:30a Pres. Storytime * 10:30a Family ST * 10:30a Musical Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground | * 3:30p Teen Gaming * 11:00a Block Party * 3:30p Lego Club * 4:00p Dig It Video Wkshp -Story # 11:15a Russian ST * 3:30p Healthy Teen Cooking Class * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club # 4:00p Science Club * 7:00p Pajama Storytime * 7:00p Adult Film BLOCK PARTY Shall We Dance (1996) 23 ***** 10:30a Pres. ST 21 * 10:30a Computer Class: 22 * 10:30a Toddler ST * 3:30p Imagination Playground * 10:30a Ukulele ST * 10:30a Musical Storytime Microsoft Word * 11:15a Russian ST LIBRARY * 11:00a Imagination Playground 3:30p Teen Gaming * 3:30p TAG Meeting * 4:00p Science Club *11:00a Imagination * 4:00p Dig It Video Wkshp Filmin Playground * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club 6:30p Paws for Tales * 7:00p Pajama Storytime 26 ***** 10:30a Baby Sign Long. 29 * 10:30a Toddler ST 30 * 10:30a Pres. ST 28 * 10:30a Computer Coach * 10:30a Musical Storytime * 3:00p Winter * 12:00p Senior Health Talk * 3:30p Teen Gaming * 3:30p Imagination Playgroun * 11:15a Russian ST * 3:30p Lego Club * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 3:30p Teen Bk Club: A Raisin in # 4:00p Science Club Concert * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club 3:30p Walking Dead Party the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry * 7:00p Pajama Storytime

₹ 7:00p Online Job Searching

* 4:00p Dig It Video Wkshp-Editing